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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT CARLO
SCARASCIA-MUGNOZZA (JUNE 3-4)

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 3166 B. STATE 91209

1. SUMMARY: THE MISSION HAS OBTAINED THE DRAFT OF THE EC COMMISSION LETTER ON US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CO-OPERATION WHICH OUTLINES THE LATEST COMMISSION THINKING ON AREAS OF COOPERATION. IT IS REPRODUCED BELOW. WE ALSO HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT SCARASCIA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON UNTIL THE EVENING OF JUNE 5 AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY REPRESENTATIVE ROSENTHAL OF NEW YORK. END SUMMARY.

2. ZITO, OF THE COMMISSION'S ENVIRONMENT AND CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICE, HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF THE DRAFT LETTER THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS PREPARED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE US AND THE EC COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE DRAFT LETTER IS THE SUGGESTED OUTLINE OF A LETTER FROM THE USG TO THE EC CONTAINING THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT THE EC DESIRES IN US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION (SEE REFTTEL A). THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

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3. BEGIN TEXT: I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SATISFACTION AT THE AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED DURING OUR MEETINGS OF 3 AND 4 JUNE, REGARDING THE FIELDS OF ACTION THAT ARE OF COMMON INTEREST, AND THE MEANS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

4. THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST HAVE BEEN NOTED AS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR COOPERATION AT THIS STAGE:

- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND MEASUREMENT OF CERTAIN AIR AND WATER POLLUTANTS, AND ON THE STATE OF KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR HARMFUL EFFECTS, INCLUDING THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF NOISE;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CRITERIA AND QUALITY OBJECTIVES;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON POLLUTION PROBLEMS POSED BY CERTAIN INDUSTRIES;
- EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE EFFECTS OF THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY ON THE ENVIRONMENT;
- STUDY OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING JOINTLY EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PROCEDURES FOR TESTING THE TOXICITY OF CERTAIN POLLUTANTS;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT TOXIC WASTES;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT;
- EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON PROGRAMMES FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION;
- JOINT ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS MAY BE ADDED TO LATER, IN THE LIGHT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE.

5. TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE COOPERATION DEFINED ABOVE, HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS OF OFFICIALS COULD BE HELD ALTERNATELY IN BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON, IN GENERAL TWICE A YEAR. THE RESULTS OF ANY INDIVIDUAL EXPERT MEETINGS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THE INTERVALS ARE THEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HIGH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS. (SIC) IT WOULD SEEM TO ME DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS AT OUR LEVEL. (ED. NOTE: THIS WOULD MEAN THE HERTER-SCARASCIA LEVEL).

6. SINCE WE CONSIDER THIS COOPERATION AN IMPORTANT PART OF OVERALL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE

COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE IT ENTERED AS A STANDING ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE PERIODICAL HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION.

7. IF YOU WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO CONFIRM YOUR AGREEMENT WITH THE ABOVE, WE CAN BOTH CONSIDER THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AS OUTLINING THE SCOPE AND FORM OF OUR PRESENT COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. END TEXT.

8. ZITO TOLD US THAT THE DRAFT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL

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RELATIONS AND THE COMMISSION'S LEGAL SERVICE. HE NOTED THAT THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. THUS THE LETTER'S PROPOSAL ON THESE CAN BE MODIFIED DURING THE WASHINGTON MEETING WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FULL COMMISSION AGREEMENT ON THE CHANGES. ZITO ALSO TOLD US THAT COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED AN EC COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MAY 17 THAT SCARASCIA WOULD BE VISITING WASHINGTON TO TALK TO THE USG ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION.

9. SCARASCIA'S OFFICE CALLED ON MAY 20 TO TELL US HE WILL NOW BE STAYING IN WASHINGTON UNTIL THE

EVENING OF JUNE 5. ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 4
OR THE MORNING OF JUNE 5 HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET
WITH CONGRESSMEN INTERESTED IN ENVIRONMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS. HE PARTICULARLY WOULD LIKE TO
SEE REPRESENTATIVE BENJAMIN ROSENTHAL OF NEW YORK,
CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EUROPE, WHO HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN CONSUMER
AFFAIRS AND HAS MET PREVIOUSLY ON THIS SUBJECT
WITH A MEMBER OF SCARASCIA'S CABINET. (WE UNDER-
STAND THAT THE COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON--
TENNYSON AND DUBOIS--HAS BEEN ASKED TO MAKE THESE
APPOINTMENTS, BUT SCARASCIA ALSO WANTED THE DE-
PARTMENT INFORMED.) GREENWALD

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